GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Accidents
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that drivers are not the only one responsible for increasing road accidents across the country but the poorly designed roads too are responsible for it;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the road accidents of poorly designed roads;

(c) the funds earmarked/allocated/spent for the maintenance of roads under National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and State roads during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the number of fatalities occurred due to bad conditions of roads, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Various reasons are responsible for road accidents which include lack of enforcement, mechanical failure of vehicle, weather condition, road user behaviour and poor road design/ condition. Government is taking several measures including carrying out road safety audit of National Highways, identification & rectification of road accident black spots etc., for identifying and rectifying the safety concerns including those concerns related to poor road design.

(c) The details of allocation & expenditure of funds with various executing agencies for maintenance of National Highways are at Annex-I. Maintenance of State Roads is the responsibility of concerned State Governments.

(d) As per the latest 'Road Accidents in India-2015' report 2733 fatalities out of total 1,46,133 during calendar year 2015 occurred due to defect in road. State/UT-wise details are at Annex-II.